

REMARKS

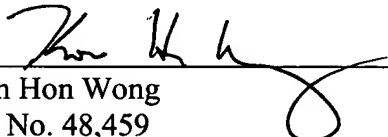
Claims 1-5, 7-21 and 23-25 are pending, and claims 1-5, 7 and 8 stand rejected. The Examiner's reconsideration of the claims rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 9-21 and 23-25. The rejected claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are hereby cancelled without prejudice, leaving only the allowed claims for present consideration.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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